

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on May 4, 2007. In that Office Action the claims were rejected only on the basis of 35 USC §112. In particular, the Examiner objected to the claims under §112, first paragraph, noting that a peroxide bleaching agent should be specified in the claims. Inasmuch as this case is under Final Rejection, Applicant has specified a peroxide bleaching agent in all of the independent claims, support for this amendment is found on page 15, lines 15+, as well as on page 16, lines 10+, as well as on page 17, lines 6 and 7. As amended, it is believed that §112, first paragraph rejection is overcome.

With regard to §112, second paragraph, the Examiner objected to the terminology "elevated temperature and pressure". The claims have been amended to specify temperatures between 230°F and 370°F and at a pressure of from about 5 to about 150 psig as suggested by the Examiner. In view of the foregoing amendments, all objections to the claims in this case are believed moot and this case is believed in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner would like to discuss this case, the Examiner is invited to call at the number listed below. This response is believed timely; however, if a petition for extension of time is deemed necessary, please consider this paper a petition for extension of time and charge our deposit account No. 50-0935.

Respectfully submitted,



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